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Introduced by Representative Stebbins of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; operator's licenses; renewal; older drivers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require Vermonters 75 years of age or older to appear in person and pass both a vision test and road test in order to renew an operator's license.

An act relating to requirements for older drivers to renew operator's licenses

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 632 is amended to read:

§ 632. EXAMINATION REQUIRED; WAIVER

(a) Before an operator's or a junior operator's license is issued to an applicant for the first time in this State, or before a renewal license is issued to an applicant whose previous Vermont license had expired more than three years prior to the application for renewal, the applicant shall pass a satisfactory examination, except that the Commissioner may, in ~~his or her~~ the Commissioner's discretion, waive the examination when the applicant holds a chauffeur's or operator's license in force at the time of application or within

1 three years prior to the application in some other jurisdiction where an
2 examination is required similar to the examination required in this State.

3 (b) The examination shall consist of:

4 (1) an oral or written examination;

5 (2) a thorough road test; and

6 (3) at the discretion of the Commissioner, such other examination or
7 demonstration as ~~he or she~~ the Commissioner may prescribe, including an oral
8 ~~eye examination~~ vision test.

9 (c) An ~~applicant may have an individual of his or her~~ individual of the
10 applicant's choosing may be present at the oral examination or road test to
11 serve as an interpreter, including to translate any oral commands given as part
12 of the road test.

13 (d) Before a renewal license is issued to an applicant 75 years of age or
14 older, the applicant must appear in person at a Department location and pass a
15 vision test and the road test component of the examination.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.